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**Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2006 Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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